(b) The funds provided under various schemes for pollution control during the current financial year 1996-97 are as under :

Sl No	Name of the Scheme	Budget Estimate 1996-97	
		Plan	Non-Plan
1	Grants-in-Aid to Central Pollution Control Board	475.00	488.00
2	Reimbursement of Water Cess to the concerned State Pollution Control Boards/UT Pollution Control Committees	—	3825.00
3	Assistance for abatement of pollution—Grants-in-Aid to State Pollution Control Boards/UT Pollution Control Committees/States/Institutions for specific studies, etc.	130.00	—
4	Continuation of Environmental Monitoring unit (Head Quarters and Agra Observatory under Agency Scheme	6.50	—
5	Promotion of Common Effluent Treatment Plants Externally Aided Schemes—Grants-in-Aid	300.00	—
6	Pollution Control Projects Externally Aided Schemes (World Bank)—Grants-in-Aid	1400.00	—
7	Environmental Audit	10.00	—
8	Environmental Statistics and Mapping	10.00	—
9	Clean Technologies by Small Scale Industries	10.00	—
10	Ganga Action Plan Phase-I	2200.00	—
11	Ganga Action Plan Ph-II	7000.00	—
12	National River Conservation Projects (NRCP)	1400.00	—

(c) (d) and (e) In some schemes, funds have remained under utilized. The reasons mainly are due to slow release of matching share by State Governments concerned, delay in clearance of projects by external funding agencies, delay in procurement of equipment by procuring agents, encroachment/non-availability of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sites, litigations and delay in receipt of proposals from benefitting agencies.

The Central Government is monitoring the performance closely. Interaction with the State Governments and the implementing agencies has been intensified.

Sri Lankan Refugees

4077. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Tamil speaking refugees from Sri Lanka who have arrived in India since the early part of this year;

(b) whether the Government have provided any special funds for the Tamil Nadu Government to look after the refugees;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued to the State Government to verify the antecedents of these refugees;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the matter has been taken up with the Sri Lankan Government for deporting these refugees; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) As per information furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, a total of 963 Sri Lankan Tamils have arrived in the State since February, 1996.

(b) Sanctions have already been issued to the Government of Tamil Nadu for incurring expenditure on providing relief assistance to Sri Lankan refugees accommodated in refugee camps. The actual expenditure incurred by the State Government is being reimbursed by the Government of India.

(c) and (d) Instructions have already been issued to the Government of Tamil Nadu for interrogating and screening the Sri Lankan refugees before they are admitted to the refugee camps.

(e) and (f) As per the policy followed by Government of India, bonafide Sri Lankan refugees are repatriated to their home country on voluntary basis, without using any force, in consultation with the Government of Sri Lanka.

Combating International Crimes

4078. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have signed any agreement with Egypt to combat the international crimes during October, 95; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.